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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINR, KS, US  
SUBJECT: ASSURANCES IN RESPONSE TO REPORT OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING  
  
REF: STATE 086815

1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MORNING APRIL 6 TO DISCUSS THE REPORTS OF BLUE HOUSE BUGGING. HE BEGAN THE SESSION WITH A RATHER LONG PRESENTATION ON THE DIFFICULTIES PRESENTED TO THE ROKG BY THIS DEVELOPMENT. HE LIKENED THE BUGGING CHARGE TO A DEAD VOLCANO WHICH HAD JUST BEEN REACTIVATED AND NOTED THAT IT HAD PROVOKED INSTANT REACTION FROM MANY QUARTERS. WHILE ROKG WAS AWARE OF STATEMENTS MADE BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, IT STILL FELT IT MUST MAKE ITS CONCERNS KNOWN TO THE USG IN A MOST SERIOUS MANNER AND TO URGE SETTLEMENT OF THE ISSUE AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY MAY WELL MEET FOR HEARINGS ON THE MATTER AND HE NEEDED AMMUNITION TO DEFEND THE USG AND ROKG POSITION BEFORE THAT BODY.

2. DRAWING ON THE VERY HELPFUL GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTTEL, I MADE A STRONG PRESENTATION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. I COVERED FULLY THE POINTS MADE IN PARAS 1 AND 2 AND ADDED THAT WE SAW LITTLE POINT IN TAKING ISSUE DIRECTLY WITH AMBASSADOR PORTER ON THIS MATTER SINCE THE USG POSITION  
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WAS QUITE CLEAR. I STATED THAT IN MY VIEW THE ROKG NOW HAD FIRM ASSURANCES OF THE USG ONE AGAIN AND ON THAT BASIS THE MATTER SHOULD BE CLOSED AND THE PRESS SO INFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED MY VIEW ON THE APPROPRIATE MANNER OF INFORMING THE PRESS AND I TOLD HIM THAT WE HAD

NO OBJECTION TO HIS MAKING KNOWN THE ASSURANCE I HAD JUST  
GIVEN HIM. I ADDED THAT THE STATEMENT LAST YEAR BY CIA  
DIRECTOR TURNER WAS COMPLETE AND AUTHORITATIVE AND SHOULD  
HAVE PUT THE MATTER TO REST. THE FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED  
THAT HE WOULD PROCEED IN THIS MANNER.  
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